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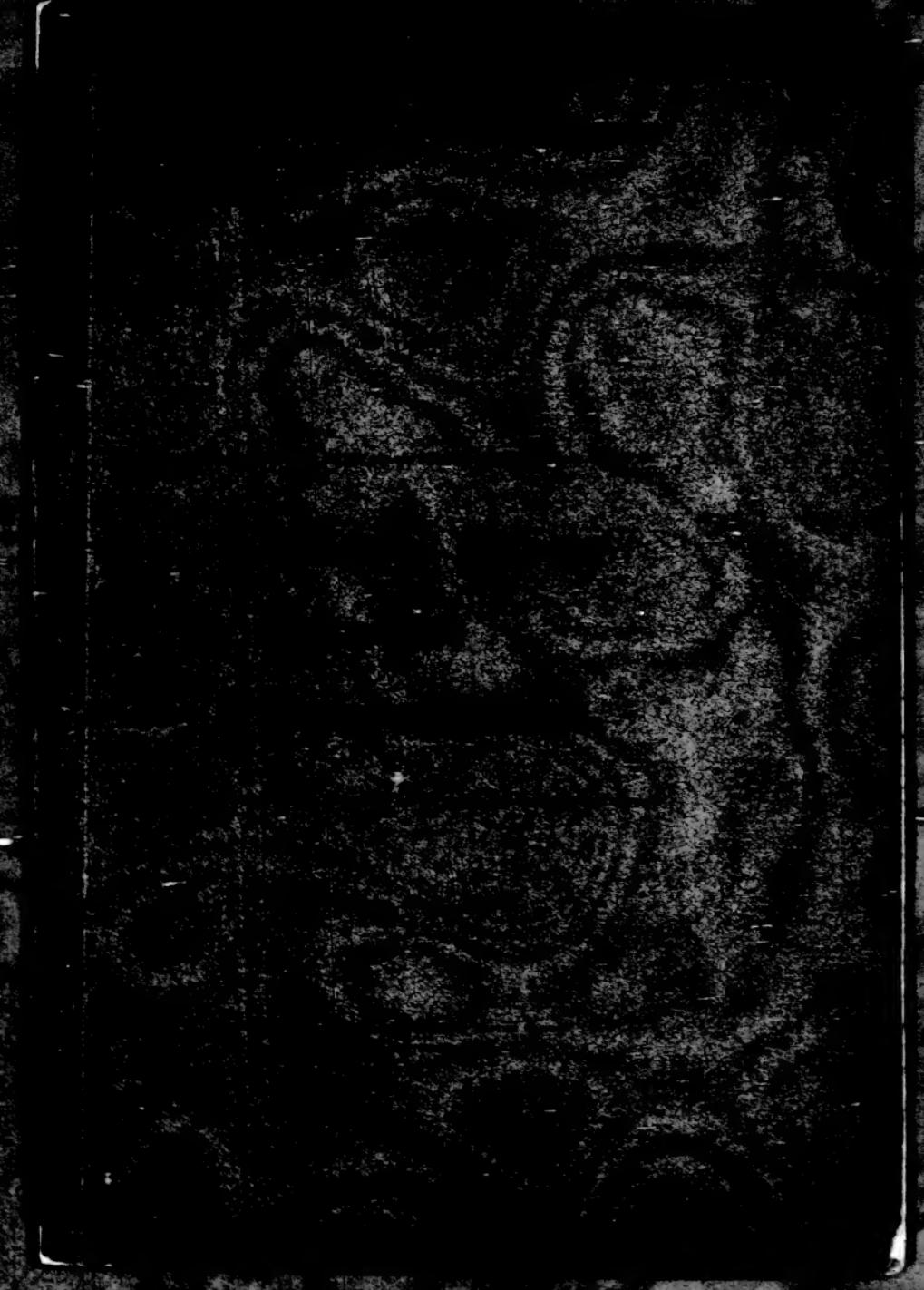
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MINUTES OF THE 63D ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Coosa River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

The Cropwell Baptist Church, Cropwell, Ala.,
September 16, 17 and 18,

1896.

OFFICERS:

LÉALIS LAW, MODERATOR, Cropwell, Ala.
G. A. JOINER, CLERK, Talladega, Ala.
J. F. POPE, TREASURER, Wilsonville, Ala.

The next session of this body will be held with the Sycamore Baptist Church
Sycamore, Ala., commencing on Friday before the
third Sabbath in September, 1897.

PRESS OF OUR MOUNTAIN HOME,
TALLADEGA ALA.,
1896.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be known by the name of Coosa River Baptist Association.

ART. II. It shall be composed of well-accredited messengers, appointed by regular Baptist Churches which are united in this union.

ART. III. Its meetings shall be annual.

ART. IV. Its officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected, by ballot or otherwise, at each session, and hold office till their successors are declared duly elected. Provided, that the non-election of the Treasurer shall not interfere with organization.

ART. V. The Association can not rule, but may advise the Churches. But it has a full right to reject the messengers of any Church not in order in faith or practice.

ART. VI. Petitions for membership must be by letter and one or more messengers, and the Association in each case is to judge on the question of reception.

ART. VII. Each Church of fifty members or less shall have three messengers, and one messenger for each fifty or fractional number over fifty.

ART. VIII. This Association is in full sympathy with the spirit and ready to correspond and co-operate with all regular Missionary Baptist organizations for the spread of the gospel and the extention of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth; but a difference of opinion on these matters shall not necessarily involve the question of fellowship.

ART. IX. Churches composing this body will be expected to contribute to and sustain a contingent fund, which shall be deposited by the messengers, at each annual meeting, with the Finance Committee; and other contributions for benevolent purposes will be earnestly sought and fostered by the Association.

ART. X. This Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the Churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor of any difficulty between Churches unless they have pursued the directions contained in the 18th chapter of Matthew, and have not been able to settle it; then the Association shall take such matter into consideration and act upon it at its discretion.

ART. XI. This Constitution, or any article, may be amended or abolished, at a regular meeting, on the concurrence of a vote, by standing, of two-thirds of messengers present; provided, that such intended change is announced by the Moderator at least six hours before the action is taken.

RULES OF DECORUM.

RULE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

RULE 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

RULE 3. The names of the members shall be called each day before proceeding to business, and no member shall absent himself from the Association unless he have leave or be sick and unable to attend.

RULE 4. Visiting ministering brethren present shall be invited to seats in the Association.

RULE 5. The Moderator shall preside over the Association, preserve order, and appoint all committees with the sanction of the Association.

RULE 6. The Moderator may speak in debate on any question, appointing some other member to fill the chair temporarily, but shall not vote except in the case of a tie.

RULE 7. The Moderator shall decide all questions of order, subject to the appeal to the Association by any two members.

RULE 8. Every member when speaking shall rise from his seat, respectfully address the Moderator, confine himself to the question before the body, and avoid personalities.

RULE 9. A motion made must be seconded and stated by the Moderator before debating; and every motion shall be reduced to writing if the Moderator or any member desire it.

RULE 10. When a motion is stated by the Moderator it is in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before a decision or amendment.

RULE 11. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received except to lay on the table, postpone indefinitely, commit or amend; which said motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated. But a motion to adjourn is always in order except when a member is speaking or the body engaged in voting.

RULE 12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, the Rules of Decorum, the reception or exclusion of churches, shall be decided by a majority of the votes; in the excepted cases two-thirds are required.

RULE 13. Filling blanks with particular numbers, the question shall first be taken on the highest number and longest time.

RULE 14. When a motion has once been decided a member voting with the majority may move for reconsideration on any day during the session.

RULE 15. No speaker shall be interrupted unless he be out of order, and no member shall speak more than twice on the same proposition without leave of the Association.

RULE 16. No practice shall be allowed which has a tendency to interrupt speaking or the business of the Association.

RULE 17. The appellation of "brother" shall be used by members in their addresses one to another.

RULE 18. The Clerk shall read these rules at the opening of every session of the Association.

RULE 19. Any member violating these rules shall be reprobated by the Moderator.

PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS.

- FIRST DAY.**—1. Devotional exercises.
2. Elect officers—Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
3. Read Rules of Decorum.
4. Invite Churches to unite with our Association.
5. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
6. Call for correspondence from Associations.
7. Appoint committee on Preaching.
8. Appoint committee to pro rate among the Churches amount asked for by State Mission Board for all objects.
9. Appoint committee to nominate the time and place of next meeting, principal and alternate to preach next Introductory and Missionary Sermons.
10. Report on Periodicals and Literature.
11. Report on Temperance.
12. Report on Sabbath-schools.
13. Fix hours to meet and adjourn.
14. Miscellaneous business. 15. Adjourn.
- SECOND DAY.**—16. Devotional exercises.
17. Read minutes and call roll of messengers.
18. Miscellaneous business.
19. Report on State Missions.
20. Report on Home Missions.
21. Report on Foreign Missions.
22. Report of Committee on Colportage and Bible Work.
23. Report on Baptist Orphanage.
24. Report on Ministerial Education.
25. Report on Denominational Education.
26. Miscellaneous business. 27. Adjourn.
- THIRD DAY.**—28. Devotional exercises.
29. Read minutes and call roll of messengers.
30. Miscellaneous business.
31. Report of Committee to pro rate Contributions of Churches.
32. Report of Committee on Evangelization of Colored People.
33. Report of Committee on Woman's Work.
34. Report of Board of Trustees Indigent Ministers' Fund.
35. Report of Executive Committee of Association.
36. Elect Executive Committee of Association.
37. Elect Board of Trustees Indigent Ministers' Fund.
38. Return correspondence to Associations: Shelby, Cahaba Valley, Boiling Springs, Carey, Canaan, Central, Taliyahatchie, Ten Islands, Unity and Calhoun.
39. Appoint delegates to Baptist State Convention (nine).
40. Appoint delegate to Southern Baptist Convention (one).
41. Report of Committee on Finance.
42. Report of Treasurer to Association.
43. Call for report of Committee on Nominations.
44. Order Clerk's salary paid and minutes printed.
45. Appoint committees to report at next session: On State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, Denominational Education, Temperance, Sabbath-schools, Colportage and Bible Work, Evangelization of the Colored People, Periodicals and Literature, Woman's Work and Orphanage.
46. Miscellaneous business.
47. Read minutes of this day's session. 48. Adjourn.

MINUTES.

CROPWELL, ST. CLAIR CO., ALA.,
Wednesday, September 16, 1896.

Messengers to compose the sixty-third annual session of the Coosa River Baptist Association met with the Cropwell Baptist Church, 11 A. M. The Moderator, Thos. Henderson, having removed to the Indian Territory since the last meeting of this body, the Clerk, Lealis Law, called the Association to order by reading the 84th Psalm. Prayer by A. R. Hardy, of Greensboro, Ala. The Introductory Sermon was preached by R. A. Kidd from Matt. 7:21.

Names of messengers enrolled as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

ANTIOCH—E. A. Aderholdt.

MUNFORD—Letter.

IRONATON—Geo. A. Vise, D. W. Shaddox.

SALEM—J. M. Haynes, A. A. Hutto, H. R. Donaldson, Eli Horn.

REFUGE—W. M. Hall, J. W. Hackney, P. R. Crump.

BLUE EYE—L. M. Madden, Jas. Embry, Henderson Beavers.

LINCOLN—P. L. Spitzer, W. M. Davis.

DRY VALLEY—J. W. McCain, G. W. Clements.

PLEASANT GROVE—S. C. Beavers, S. B. Elliott.

PROVIDENCE—Isaac A. Adams.

TALLADEGA—G. A. Joiner, J. B. Graham, S. A. Austin, C. W.

Stringer, J. H. Pope, J. A. Powe.

EUREKA—No letter.

SECOND DISTRICT.

RENFROE—F. G. Mullen.

HEPBURN—L. Merkl, J. F. Thackerson.

CARTERSVILLE—C. M. Lane, F. B. Lanier, T. M. Long.

ALPINE—W. H. Allen, S. C. Christie.

WINTERBORO—Letter.

Mt. IDA—J. M. Solley.

TALLAHATCHIE—Letter.

SYCAMORE—R. J. Sims, W. F. Burk, T. M. Nelson.

ROCKY MOUNT—G. W. Thrasher.

Mt. ZION (Sylacauga)—J. W. Langley, W. H. Malone, C. H. Morgan.

OAK GROVE—N. M. Jarvis, J. W. Burgess.

THIRD DISTRICT.

FORT WILLIAMS—A. J. Solley.

MT. SHARAN—Joel Hammett, K. Smith.

CHILDESBURG—W. S. Henderson, F. Moss.

NEW HOPE—No letter.

WILSONVILLE—J. F. Pope, W. T. Smith, P. T. Rhea, J. B. Kilpatrick, J. H. Weldon.

HARPERSVILLE—R. M. Borum, C. H. Flory, C. B. Henderson, W. E. Millender, R. B. Posey.

PROVIDENCE (Shelby)—

SPRING CREEK—R. A. Kidd, W. H. Kidd, E. C. Lide, Thomas Elliott.

Macedonia—L. M. Clinkscales, T. M. Clinkscales.

COOSA VALLEY—J. C. Walker, M. C. Fraim, Thomas Neal, Thos. Glidewell.

CROPWELL—I. Law, Perry Turner, B. C. Heaslett.

SEDDON—B. T. White, J. A. Hammett, J. C. Gallup.

RIVERSIDE—R. M. Butter.

Letters from the Churches were read by A. R. Hardy and J. M. McCord. During reading of letters, adjourned to meet at 1:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, September 16, 1896, 1:30 P. M.

Association called to order. Devotional exercises conducted by L. Law. Prayer by Abner Williams. Reading of letters continued and completed.

Official visitors:

B. F. Giles, Representing Howard College and Ala. Baptist.

A. R. Hardy, Representing State Mission Board.

Abner Williams, Orphans' Home.

W. A. Hobson, Howard College.

Jno. D. Jordan, Secretary of B. Y. P. U. of the South.

Correspondents:

W. P. Lovell, W. P. Cook, J. S. E. Robinson, Cahaba Valley Association.

B. F. Giles, J. M. McCord, M. M. Wood, Birmingham Association.

Abner Williams, J. S. Kelley, Calhoun Association.

H. Runyon, Carey Association.

Election of officers by ballot, A. R. Hardy and J. M. McCord acting as tellers, resulted:

LEALIS LAW, Moderator.

GEO. A. JOINER, Clerk.

J. F. POPE, Treasurer.

Pending the counting of the ballots, Brother Abner Williams, by request, addressed the Association on the animus and work of the Calhoun Association at its meeting at Alexandria during the previous week.

Programme of Business of last session adopted.

Reading of Rules of Decorum dispensed with.

Special committees appointed:

ON PUBLIC WORSHIP—E. A. Aderholdt, W. H. Malone, J. W. Mc Cain, Perry Turner, B. C. Heaslett, B. F. Giles.

PRO RATING—J. F. Pope, J. M. Solley, F. G. Mullen.

NOMINATIONS—Eli Horn, S. A. Austin, J. A. Powe.

FINANCE—C. W. Stringer, H. R. Donaldson, F. Moss.

The Committee on Temperance reported:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee is somewhat at a loss to know just what should be said upon this subject. We want, however, to insist that as Christians we should be temperate in all things. We want and must have, if we would maintain our Christian integrity unspotted from the world, a stricter observance of temperance in its universal significance. The man who preaches temperance and holds not his tongue from his neighbors hurt, puts to shame his Christian profession no less than he who puts the bottle to his neighbor's mouth or wallows with the sow in the mire.

Brethren, we must put the seal of our condemnation upon bar-room tippling by our members. No man who habitually visits a bar-room should be allowed to remain in the Church. No man with a profane and intemperate tongue should remain in the church. No man who signs a liquor petition should remain in the Church.

We rejoice that local option has done much for the cause of sobriety, but we are of the opinion that the greatest power for sobriety is yet undeveloped. It is the individual sobriety and example of the Church membership of this country.

May God give each Church of this Association the grace and courage to purge its membership of every one who persists in public and intemperate use of ardent spirits.

Respectfully submitted,
E. A. ADERHOLDT.

Discussed by E. A. Aderholdt, J. H. Pope, J. M. Sol-

ley, F. G. Mullen, A. R. Hardy, J. M. McCord, C. H. Morgan, J. S. E. Robinson, G. A. Joiner, Eli Horn. Report adopted.

Agreed to meet at 9 A. M., adjourn at 12 M.; meet at 1:30 P. M., and adjourn at will.

Committee on Public Worship reported that A. A. Hutto would preach in this house at 7:30 P. M., and that J. M. McCord would preach in same place at 11 A. M. tomorrow. Adjourned to 9 A. M. Thursday.

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 P. M.

The Annual Missionary Sermon was preached by A. A. Hutto. Text, Numbers 13:30. After the sermon a collection was taken for Missions amounting to \$9.39. Closing prayer by W. A. Hobson.

THURSDAY, September 17, 1896, 9 A. M.

Body called to order by Moderator, L. Law. Devotional exercises conducted by M. M. Wood. Minutes of yesterday's session read and adopted.

Debate limited as follows: The chairman of each committee, ten minutes; other members, five minutes; visiting brethren unlimited.

Committee on Periodicals and Literature reported:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS AND LITERATURE.

A short time ago the Secretary of one of our boards anxiously inquired how are we to interest the great mass of our people in the work of our boards? Your committee think it would be well to broaden the question and make it read: How are we to interest the great mass of our people in our various denominational enterprises? Our Secretary suggested the diligent circulation of the Foreign Mission Journal and our various State papers. Your committee would earnestly second his recommendation, because the said papers are worthy of our support and because they are indispensable aids to enterprises in which we are all personally interested. Thus gratitude and interest combine to urge us to do all in our power for these papers; the work they do for our boards being done without fee or reward—a labor of love. Surely the least we can do is to take and read them.

Your committee, however, recognize the fact often commented on that comparatively few of our people can be reached through these papers; hence the question again arises how are we to reach the great mass of our people and interest them in our various denominational enterprises. We believe this can be done through our Sabbath-schools. We believe that by a thorough and persistent cir-

culation of Sabbath-school literature intimately connected with our other enterprises we shall reach our people as we can in no other way. We believe that this makes it a necessity that we publish our own literature, and hence take pleasure in commanding the publications of our Sunday-school board, filled as they are to the brim with information in regard to our boards, our missionaries and other enterprises fostered by the Southern Baptist Convention. "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." Brethren, if we would reap an increased interest in our enterprises we must sow our own literature.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. HENDERSON.

W. M. HALL.

JNO. C. WILLIAMS.

Discussed by W. S. Henderson, B. F. Giles, Abner Williams and C. H. Morgan. Adopted.

Committee on Sabbath-schools reported :

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

No more important subject can command our attention than the subject of Sabbath-schools, because the future prosperity of the Churches of our denomination depend, to a great extent, upon our action of today. We live in an age of progress. An age exacting in its demands upon us; an age full of a thousand things beside religion. And the great question which confronts us is: How can we best meet the demand of the times with respect to those coming after us?—our children. This is a broad field for Christian effort. Shall we, as a united Baptist brotherhood, go up and possess the land, or leave it for others? We are gratified to note the interest that is being taken in this great work by many of our Churches, but your committee is of the opinion that there is still great room for advances along this line. We would therefore earnestly recommend that our brethren see to it that this field is cultivated in all our Churches and that our children are taught the pure and unadulterated word of God.

R. A. KIDD, For Committee.

Discussed by R. A. Kidd, Eli Horn and J. S. Kelley.
Report adopted.

Committee on State Missions reported :

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Our people should bear in mind that a State Mission Board and a State Board of Missions are essentially different things; the former implying the development of mission work alone in the State, the latter involving as a nucleus the fostering and development of missions of all kinds by a board or committee of brethren appointed for that purpose by the Alabama Baptist State Convention. The old Board of State Missions in its original conception and for many years thereafter busied itself simply in the establishment of local missions in the undeveloped regions of the State wherever a promise of future stability and usefulness was apparent, and in the extension and strengthening of Sanday-school work. Now the State Board of Missions takes cognizance of and develops every agency in any way

connected with and promotive of mission work in general, comprehending not simply the planting of missions in Alabama as in the original concept, but also Home Missions as the area of missions within the limits of the Southern Baptist Convention and Cuba, Foreign Missions in the regions beyond, specially in Japan, China, Africa, Italy, Brazil and Mexico, the work of the Board of Colportage, the work of the Orphanage, the work of the Board of Ministerial Education, in fine, all agencies combined in one board for the fostering, development and utilization of these various missions in our bounds. It might appropriately be termed the interlocking switch between the Churches and the boards of the Southern Baptist Convention. The leadership of this board has been confided to the consecrated Bledsoe, who is doing a grand work, building on the broad foundation laid during a period of ten years by the sagacious, indefatigable and self sacrificing Crumpton; thus verifying the scriptural truism, that one soweth, another reapeth.

The committee regret that we have not at hand a tabulated statement of the work done this year by the board, but feel assured that all has been done that could have been done with the resources in men and means at hand.

We recommend that the Association keep in close and loyal touch with the work of the State Board of Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. GRAHAM.
LEALIS LAW.
B. F. BROTHERS.

Committee on Home Missions reported :

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Many thoughtless persons erroneously suppose the Home Mission Field is a radius of only a few miles around their own homes. The Home Mission Field includes the whole section known as the "South," and the Island of Cuba. The Home Board is located at Atlanta, Ga., with I. T. Tichenor, D. D. as corresponding secretary. The duty of this Board is to look after and supply the destitute parts of said field, to occupy growing towns that are without Churches and help weak Churches in important centers; to evangelize our foreign population, and colored people; instruct the Indians in the Gospel and Christianize Cuba.

The civil, as well as the religious welfare of this South-land depend upon the work. We must evangelize these forces, or else the fabric of our civil and religious institutions will totter and fall at their hands. Besides, the temporal and eternal interests of these people rest upon our religion. Can we let them perish at our own door while we have the Bread of Life?

Our work in Cuba has suffered much from the cruel war now going on there, but we trust that God will turn the war to a glorious triumph for his work. Our Missionaries were forced to leave the island for their personal safety. Diaz says the property there, belonging to this Board, is in no danger of being lost or destroyed. The enmity to the work of this hero, Diaz, was so strong that he was thrown into prison, but God cared for him and he came out unharmed. It is to be hoped that the Cubans will gain their independence; then an effectual door will be open for our work. We sympathize with our Cuban brethren in their struggle.

Although great success has attended the work of this Board, owing to the increase in population there are more unregenerated persons in its limits than there were fifty years ago. It is estimated that one-half the population of the south, say 10,000,000, are under Baptist influence. Deducting from that the 2,600,000 church members, and about the same number as below the age of accountability, and we have about 5,000,000 unregenerated persons who must receive the Gospel from us or they will probably never receive it.

During the fifty years existence of this Board, it has established about one-eighth of all the white Churches in the South. Dr. Tichenor says that, "the first Baptist Church organized in every State Capital, in every Southern State, with one single exception, was a Mission station of the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention."

The Woman's Missionary Union is rendering noble aid in this work: Last year they raised \$33,000, sent 358 Missionary boxes to the frontier, and scattered much Mission literature by means of the Mission Rooms at Baltimore, Maryland.

Below we give some statistics of the work done by the Home Board during the last conventional year. Missionaries 411. Weeks of labor, 12,329. Churches and stations, 1,626. Sermons and addresses, 58,041. Prayer meetings, 9,622. Baptisms, 5,617. Received by letter, 6,672. Total additions, 12,285. Besides this there was much other valuable service rendered in Sunday schools, building and repairing Church houses, scattering religious literature, etc.

Let us enlarge our gifts for this Board, and pray earnestly for its success.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. HUTTO, Chairman.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, just before giving unto His beloved disciples the great commission; used these words: "All power is given unto Me in heaven and earth." These words have come all along down through the centuries, speaking words of comfort and encouragement to all of God's children, in all their noble undertakings for the furtherance of his cause among men. And, when confronted by all of the opposing powers of Satan; to hear the voice of the Captain of their Salvation, saying: "It is I, be not afraid." "All power is given unto Me in heaven and earth." "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," was the means of strengthening those who were first in the movement of modern missions. When ready to despair because of opposing powers, the Lord Jesus came unto them in his word saying, "All power is given unto me," and under the encouragement received from such consoling words, we hear of such men as Cary, Judson, and others, adopting the language of Paul; "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" "Here am I, send me," etc., etc.; and by the same encouraging words, today we have in Africa, such men as Stone, Eli, Lumley, Pinnock, and Smith. In Brazil, we have the Taylors', with their fellow laborers. In China, Hartwell, Pruitt, and a strong band of earnest Christian workers, laboring for the Master. These, together with brethren in Italy, Japan, and Mexico, all report progress in their work. In China we have 41 Missionaries, 44 native helpers, 19

Churches, 1,268 members, 152 baptisms. Africa reports 6 Missionaries, 8 native helpers, 247 members, 51 baptisms. In Brazil we have 11 Missionaries, 8 native helpers, 14 Churches, 785 members, 273 baptisms. In Italy, the United States has 3 Missionaries, 28 native Preachers and Colporteurs, 21 Churches, 430 members, 79 baptisms. Mexico has 19 Missionaries, 18 native helpers, 37 Churches, 1,035 members, 177 baptisms, 3 schools. In Japan we have 6 Missionaries, 4 native helpers, 1 Church, 40 members, 3 baptisms. Total Missionaries in all the fields, 86; native helpers, 110; baptisms, 735; contributions, \$5,550.00. All together, they send up one united cry, "Come over and help us." The great question for us to decide brethren, is, are we going? Some brethren go in their prayers, this is all right as far as it goes, but brethren, the promise is to them that "do the commandments." If, therefore, we cannot go in person, let us go in our prayers, in our sympathies, and thus help to hold up the arms of those who have gone into the work of the Lord, with their whole heart, mind, and strength, and by so doing, we shall enter into the joy of their labor.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. A. AUSTIN.

Discussed by A. R. Hardy. Pending discussions the Association adjourned at 11 o'clock, and J. M. McCord preached from Numbers, 8:24. Prayer by Jno. D. Jordan.

September 17, 1896, 1:30 P. M.

Body called to order. Devotional exercises, led by J. M. Solley. Discussion of the reports on Missions resumed. Discussed by J. B. Graham, J. M. McCord, A. A. Hutto, F. G. Mullen, J. H. Pope, W. S. Henderson, Perry Turner, J. B. Kilpatrick, R. M. Butler, M. M. Wood, and each report adopted.

The Committee to pro rate was instructed to pro rate among the Churches \$188.00 for the benefit of Greensboro Church—in addition to the amount asked for by the State Mission Board.

Committee on Ministerial Education reported:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

All Ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ are educated. Some are more cultured than others, and necessarily so; but all have the same Spirit alike.

The Howard and Seminary are great institutions of learning, and should be patronized by our Denomination to educate young Ministers of the Gospel, to enable them to meet the learned world in their opposition to the Gospel of Christ. But the Great Educator of Preachers is God, the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ. Taught as Nicो-

demus, "We know that Thou art a teacher come from God, for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him;" and as Paul, the Apostle—while he had all the learning of the world—after he had been taught of the Lord, he counted all things but lost, for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ. He went forth, not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power—that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. 1 Corinthians, 2:4-5.

Our educational institutions are not the essential medium through which to enter the Ministry, but they serve as helps to grow in knowledge and language to enable them to better work out what God has worked in.

Let us not forget that God's Ministers are called as was Aaron and educated by the Lord. Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SOLLEY.

Committee on Denominational Education reported :

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

Your Committee deem it unnecessary to enter into a discussion of the merits or advantages of Christian Education. The Evangelical Christian world has generally accepted and embraced the idea of the triune education—the education which develops and cultivates the moral, intellectual, and physical faculties. No education is complete without this, and no man or woman comes up to the full stature of men and women without it. The question naturally arises, then: where can this education be secured? We answer unhesitatingly; in Denominational Schools. And in making this assertion we do not intend to criticize or inveigh against State schools. In no State school can the Bible be used as a text book. We hold that a close study of the Bible is essential to perfect moral development. Some one may say; teach the Bible in Sunday school and around the fireside. True, these are magnificent agencies, and should be fostered and encouraged; but they do not detract from the advantages and benefits to be derived from studying the Bible as a text book in the school room. We note, with particular satisfaction, the fact that there is a regular Bible course in the curriculum of Howard College. This is to be heartily commended by every lover of God's precious word, and is a strong argument in favor of Baptists sustaining with their patronage and prayers, that great institution which has done and is now doing so much for our denomination in this and other States of this union.

We would not forget to mention and press upon our people the claims of the Judson Institute, at Marion. The large number of noble and gifted women who are graduates of that excellent Institution attest the grand work the Judson is doing.

Respectfully submitted,
G. A. JOENER.

The above reports were discussed by J. M. Solley, J. S. E. Robinson, and W. A. Hobson, and the following pledges given for Howard College :

PLEDGES FOR HOWARD COLLEGE.

CHURCHES.

Antioch	\$	Munford	\$
Ironaton		Salem	
Refuge		Blue Eye	
Lincoln		Dry Valley	
Pleasant Grove		Providence	
Talladega		Eureka	
Renfroe		Hepzibah	5 00
Cartersville	5 00	Alpine	50 00
Winterboro		Tallasahatchie	
Sycamore		Rocky Mount	
Mt. Zion (Sylacauga)		Oak Grove	
Fort Williams		Mt. Sharon	
Childersburg		New Hope	
Wilsonville	42.50	Harpersville	50 00
Providence (Tal.)	5 00	Spring Creek	
Macedonia		Coosa Valley	5 00
Cropwell	100 00	Seddon	
			\$ 262 50

INDIVIDUAL.

Perry Turner . . . Pd.	1 00	A. A. Hutto, to raise	50.00
Jones & Roberson . . .	100 00	Eli Horn	5 00
S. B. Elliott	5 00	G. W. Thrasher	1 00
Mrs. S. A. Fluker . . .	5 00	W. H. Malone	5 00
B. C. Heaslett	5 00	Hardy Cornett	5 00
J. H. Pope Pd	5 00	Mrs. L. Law	5 00
Earnest Workers of Wilsonville	5 00	E. R. Buchanan	5 00

The reports were then adopted.

Jno. D. Jordan, General Secretary, briefly addressed the body upon the objects of the Baptist Young People's Union of the South.

The Committee on Public Worship announced that M. M. Wood would preach in this house at 7:30, tonight; J. M. Solley at Seddon, and J. S. E. Robinson at Coosa Valley.

Adjourn to 8:30, A. M., Friday.

FRIDAY, September 18; 8:30 A. M.

Body called to order. Devotional exercises, conducted by F. G. Mullen. Special Committees appointed as follows:

On Orphanage: J. B. Graham, W. H. Kidd, Eli Horn.

On Bible and Colportage work: A. A. Hutto, J. B. Kilpatrick, J. M. Solley.

Committee on Evangelization of colored people reported :

REPORT ON THE EVANGELIZATION OF THE COLORED PEOPLE.

This people, being set at liberty and made citizens of our country at the close of the war between the States, laid a duty upon southern Baptists which they have by no means been unmindful of; evidences of which is found in the advancement colored Baptists have made since emancipation. Thirty years ago, this people were groping in ignorance; since that time they have made steady advancement, and now we find men in their ranks whom we can recognize as cultivated Christians, and some who are very able preachers.

During some of these years the State Convention has kept an able man in the field, whose duty it was to hold institutes with the colored brethren, and do evangelistic work. At the present time they have a denominational school in the city of Selma, in which young men and women are educated, and young men trained for the ministry.

Our State Convention is now co-operating with our Northern brethren, and helping to pay the expenses of two colored brethren, who are engaged in educational and evangelistic work in the State.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. POPE, Chairman.

Discussed by J. H. Pope, F. G. Mullen, J. B. Kilpatrick, J. M. Solley, M. M. Wood. Report adopted.

Committee on Pro Rating reported :

REPORT OF PRO RATING COMMITTEE.

Amount Pro Rated among the Churches for all causes fostered by the Denomination, including Greensboro Church.

Antioch	\$ 20 00	Forward	\$ 843 00
Blue Eye	25 00	Alpine	55 00
Childersburg	35 00	Cartersville	16 00
Cropwell	36 00	Coosa Valley	29 00
Fort Williams	35 00	Dry Valley	10 00
Harpersville	47 00	Hepzibah	25 00
Ironaton	15 00	Eureka	10 00
Mt. Ida	19 00	Lincoln	40 00
Mt. Sharon	17 00	Mt. Zion	52 00
Munford	28 00	Macedonia	20 00
Oak Grove	10 00	New Hope	5 00
Pleasant Grove	34 00	Providence (Tal)	15 00
Rocky Mt.	10 00	Providence (Shelby)	10 00
Refuge	24 00	Renfroe	20 00
Sycamore	51 00	Riverside	10 00
Spring Creek	27 00	Salem	25 00
Talladega	350 00	Seddon	20 00
Wilsonville	60 00	Tallasahatchie	20 00
Forward	843 00	Total	\$ 1,226 00

Respectfully Submitted,
J. F. POPE,
J. M. SOLLEY,
F. G. MULLEN.
Committee.

Committee on Woman's Work reported :

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

It has only been seven years since the Woman's Missionary Union, an Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention was organized. Young as this organization of Christian Ladies is, being, so to speak, in its infancy, it has been, and is, as its name truly expresses, an Auxiliary of no mean proportion, to the Missionary work of our Association.

Women; God-fearing and loving, have a power for good, not easily to be resisted.

Looking back, it was only seven years ago that they started, in 1888, in the city of Richmond, their organization—with a spirit not to do things by halves. A glance over the reports of their work done in Alabama, will give us the following figures:

In 1890, the first year of their existence, the funds collected, were: for Foreign Missions, \$280.37; for Home Missions, \$145.90. In the year 1895: for Foreign Missions, \$1,215.84; and for Home Missions, \$1,488.73. These figures of the first year of their work, and of the year 1895, showing a large increase; yet give only a limited idea of their work, for during the entire six years, their offerings to the cause of missions, were:

For Foreign Missions	\$ 7,072 98
For Home Missions	7,486 40
Total	\$14,559 38

Of this amount, the Coosa River Association contributed \$271.
13, in the year 1890; but owing to the fact, that two of the strongest
Churches, viz: the Parker Memorial, of Anniston, which contributed
that year, \$139.50, and the Church of Oxford, which contributed
\$73.75; making a total of \$213.25: which would leave for the Association,
as it now stands, \$57.88. In the year 1895, the Coosa River
Association received, as offerings to the various Missions, from the
Woman's Missionary Union, the amount of \$62.14. These figures
show a small increase, and furnish ample food for reflection.

Of the thirty-six Churches in our Association, there is none that
is not in hearty sympathy with the cause of Christ, and your committee
ventures to suggest, that if this work, as done by the ladies of
two of our Churches, is properly presented by the Pastors of our
Churches, where there is not yet an organization of women to aid
the Missionary cause, there is surely to be found one Christ loving
woman, one who is able and willing to lift up the standard of Christ
and use her best efforts to form such an organization in her Church.

In conclusion: let us be grateful for the work these Christian
ladies have accomplished, and give them our earnest sympathy and
help in their future endeavors in behalf of a lost and suffering world.

Respectfully submitted,

LEOPOLD MERKL.

Discussed by L. Merkl, W. S. Henderson, J. B. Kilpatrick, J. B. Graham, R. M. Butler, J. M. Solley, Perry Turner, J. H. Pope, Eli Horn, J. S. E. Robinson, F. G. Mullen, H. R. Donaldson, T. V. Neal. Report adopted.

Committee on Orphan's Home reported:

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Your Committee, appointed only this morning, have but a
meager report to make, so far as statistics are concerned, but we are
gratified to announce that the debt incurred in the purchase of the
property, \$5,000.00 has been liquidated. The buildings, however,
are not sufficient for the comfort and health of those children already
there, not to say anything of the demand for admission to those who
cannot be received from lack of room.

We find that the home has received 29 boys and 31 girls, that
they attend both, day and Sunday schools, and that many of them
have, since their reception in the Home, been adopted by good families.
The home has eighty acres of land, and some farming and
gardening is done.

Your committee think that when sufficient buildings have been
supplied for the convenience and comfort of the children, a shop
and other industrial features should be added, that these unfortunate
poor may have some assistance in a start in life.

We recommend that our churches make frequent offerings for the
Home, and let these offerings be of clothing, bedding, provisions or
money, just as the brethren may have to give. We should bear in
mind that the expenses of this Home run from \$350.00 to \$400.00 per
month, varying on account of the increase or decrease of the number
of children in the Home.

All contributions should be sent to Jno. W. Stewart, financial
agent, Evergreen, Ala. Respectfully submitted,
J. B. GRAHAM, Chairman.

Discussed by J. B. Graham, Abner Williams, J. S. Kelley, G. A. Joiner, S. C. Beavers, T. M. Nelson, and J. F. Thackerson. The following pledges were given:

Antioch	\$ 3 00	Salem	2 50
Dry Valley	2 00	Providence . . . Pd.	1 00
Hepzibah	2 00	Alpine	10 00
Mt. Ida	1 00	Sycamore	3 00
Rocky Mount	1 00	Oak Grove	2 50
Wilsonville	20 00	Coosa Valley	2 50
Cropwell	5 00	Seddon	1 00
S. C. Beavers	5 00	J. B. Graham	5 00
J. F. Pope	2 50	F. G. Mullen	1 00
Mrs. S. A. Fluker	5 00	A. A. Hutto	1 00
R. M. Butler	1 00	L. M. Madden . . . Pd	1 00
L. Merkl	1 00	J. R. Dyke . . . Pd	1 00
Cash	30	T. M. Nelson . . . Pd	50

Report adopted.

Committee on Bible and Colportage work reported:

REPORT OF BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

This work is intimately connected with Missions, indeed it is a part of the mission work. Wherever the Gospel is preached, there Bibles and religious books should be circulated. This work in this State is under the direction of the State Board of Missions. There is not the interest taken in this work there should be. In many homes in Alabama there is not even a Bible nor New Testament. In some homes, that are without these precious books, there are worthless and doctrinally unsound books, sold by book agents.

The State Board of Missions has a book depository at Montgomery, Alabama, where all kinds of Baptist books, hymn books, Bibles, and Sunday school literature can be secured as cheap as at any other point. The profit made on this literature is turned into the Mission work. J. B. Collier is the keeper of this depository. We recommend that the Churches order their Sunday school supplies through this house.

It occurs to your Committee that it would be wise to establish, at some convenient point in this Association, a book depository for the purpose of supplying our people with Baptist literature. Many of our people would supply themselves with good books, if these books were easily accessible. We hope, therefore, that some steps will be taken by this Association to this end.

Therefore, be it resolved, that a committee, consisting of three, be appointed to arrange to keep a stock of Bibles, Baptist hymn books and literature in our bounds, for the special object of supplying our people with such good literature.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. HUTTO.

Discussed by A. A. Hutto, B. F. Giles, Thos. Glidewell. Report adopted.

In accordance with recommendation contained in above report, J. A. Powe, G. A. Joiner, and S. A. Austin were

appointed said Committee, with authority to take such steps as they may deem necessary for the purpose of establishing, within the bounds of this Association, a depositary, for the sale of Bibles, Hymn Books, and Baptist Literature.

Treasurer of Board of Trustees of Indigent Minister's Fund reported:

**REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
INDIGENT MINISTERS FUND.**

RECEIPTS.

1895.		
Sept. 11.	To balance cash on hand	\$ 169 79
Oct. 2.	To cash from Mrs. A. E. McAfee, interest on note, estate N. S. McAfee	40 00
Oct. 3.	To cash from E. M. Miller, interest on note	7 28
Oct. 9.	To cash from F. G. Mullen, interest on note	20 00
Oct. 11.	To cash from Mrs. A. E. McAfee, interest on note, estate N. S. McAfee	40 00
	To cash from Mrs. A. E. McAfee, credit on note, estate N. S. McAfee	100 00
Oct. 21.	To cash from F. G. Mullen, interest on note	5 00
Nov. 2.	To cash from Jno. B. Mynatt, interest on note	12 00
Dec. 7.	To cash from Burns & Law, paid on note Catt Smith	105 90
	To cash from A. W. Bell, paid on note Catt Smith	52 95
Dec. 9.	To cash from S. W. Beavers, paid on note Catt Smith	54 70
Dec. 19.	To cash from Stringer & Jackson, paid on note	100 00
1896.		
Apr. 2.	To cash from Stringer & Jackson, balance and note	67 50
Apr. 17.	To cash from Baptist Church, Talladega, interest on note	48 75
	To cash from Ladies' Social Union, Baptist Church, Talladega, and interest on note	55 50
July. 10.	To cash from Ladies' Social Union, Baptist Church, Talladega, and interest on note	40 00
Sept. 7.	To cash from Baptist Church, interest on note	3 50
Sept. 14.	To cash from Mrs. A. E. McAfee, interest on note estate N. S. McAfee	40 00
Sept. 15.	To cash from F. G. Mullen, interest on note	24 00
Sept. 16.	To cash from Jas. Embry, interest on note	16 65 — 1,003 52

DISBURSEMENTS.

1895.	
Sept. 19.	By amount paid for recording mort- gage and stamps \$ 1 25
Sept. 20.	By amount paid Rev. J. R. Steeley, do- nation 25 00
Nov. 14.	By amount paid D. S. Riggins, loaned him 257 75
1896.	
June 1.	By amount paid Rev. J. R. Steeley, do- nation 25 00
Sept. 14.	By balance cash on hand 694 52 — 1,003 52

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF RESOURCES OF INDIGENT MINISTERS
FUND THIS DATE.

Note of J. B. Mynatt and interest	\$ 168 00
Note of D. S. Riggins and interest	278 10
Note of James Embry and interest	111 68
Note of estate of N. S. McAfee and interest	1,000 36
Note of Talladega Baptist Church and interest	1,412 00
Note of E. M. Miller and interest	417 96
Note of F. G. Mullen	300 00
Note of S. P. Burns and interest	222 66
Balance cash on hand	694 52

Total \$ 4,605 28

September 14, 1896.

J. A. Powe, Treasurer.

Discussed by G. A. Joiner. Adopted.

Executive Committee reported :

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

G. A. Joiner Chairman of Executive Committee, in account with Ohio River Baptist Association.

To amount in hand last report	\$ 30 90
To amount received J. F. Pope, Treas.,	21 84 — 52 74
By amount paid J. C. Williams for print- ing minutes	27 24
Jan. 17. To amount donated J. R. Steeley	15 00
Cash on hand	10 40 — 52 74

Report adopted.

The Executive Committee as heretofore constituted, was re-elected; also, same Board of Trustees of Indigent Ministers Fund.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, that any member of this Association who may attend the sittings of sister Associations, be authorized to represent this body as a correspondent.

Elected messengers to Alabama Baptist State Convention: L. Law, J. F. Pope, J. M. Solley, F. G. Mullen, A. A. Hutto, S. A. Austin, J. D. Davis, D. F. Funderburg, S. C. Beavers, T. M. Calloway.

Elected delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: J. B. Graham, principal; L. Law, alternate.

Committee on Finance reported:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE, 1896.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Orphana Home.	Association Purposes.	Minutes.	Howard College.	Total.
Antioch . . .	4 95	5 00							11 45
Alpine . . .	4 45								27 40
Blue Eye . . .		2 50	2 50						6 50
Cartersville . . .		1 00	1 75						4 25
Coosa Valley . . .				1 50					3 00
Cropwell . . .	1 79	1 80	2 99	7 25	1 81		2 00		17 57
Childersburg . . .		1 00		2 00			1 00		8 50
Dry Valley . . .				2 50					
Eureka . . .							1 00		1 00
Fort Williams . . .	7 14	7 13	7 13						22 40
Hepzibah . . .									
Harpersville . . .	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00				30 00
Ironston . . .									1 00
Lincoln . . .	4 00	4 00	4 25				2 00		14 25
Mt. Ida . . .		1 00	1 00			1 00	1 00		5 00
Mt. Zion . . .	3 00								7 50
Mt. Sharon . . .			3 25						4 25
Macedonia . . .	1 00	1 00	3 05						6 05
Munford . . .			1 75	2 00					4 75
New Hope . . .									
Oak Grove . . .	1 75	1 75	1 75	1 00			1 00		7 25
Providence (Tal.) . . .		2 00	5 00				1 00		8 00
Refroe . . .									
Refuge . . .	2 75						1 50		4 25
Riverside . . .	3 30	3 35	3 35				75	50	11 25
Rocky Mount . . .	1 00				50		1 00		2 50
Sycamore . . .						1 00	2 00		3 00
Salem . . .	1 90	1 89	1 89				1 50		7 18
Spring Creek . . .	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00			1 00		13 00
Seddon . . .		1 08					1 50		2 58
Talladega . . .							4 00		4 00
Tallasatchie . . .							1 00		1 00
Winterboro . . .	2 40						1 00		3 40
Wilsonville . . .									
Pleasant Grove . . .	1 60	1 70	1 70	4 55			1 25		9 80
Provid'nce (Sh'b'y) . . .							1 00		0 00
G. S. Ham, Personal pledge last Association . . .	3 10	3 09	3 10	5 00					5 00
Public collection . . .									9 29
Totals . . .	\$53 13	\$52 20	\$49 39	\$34 80	\$14 31	\$23 84	\$43 50	\$ 4 00	\$ 275 26

† Jenkins Fund. a \$5 00 contributed by Little Workers.
Received from Finance Committee, \$265 36.

J. F. POPE, Treasurer.
Respectfully submitted, C. W. STRINGER.
F. MOSS,
H. R. DONALDSON.

Report adopted.

The Treasurer of the Association reported:

REPORT OF TREASURER COOSA RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

RECEIPTS.

^{1895.}	Sept. 13.	To cash of J. A. Powe, former Treasurer	\$ 2 44
	Sept. 13.	To cash of Finance Committee	190 77
^{1896.}	Jany. 9.	To cash interest Jenkin's fund, paid by Dr. Welch	21 84
	Sept. 11.	To cash of W. M. Hall, for Ministerial Education	2 50
	Sept. 11.	To cash of J. D. Davis for Ministerial Education	2 50—\$220 05

DISBURSEMENTS.

^{1895.}	Sept. 13.	By cash paid Jno. W. Stewart	10 17
	Sept. 18.	By cash paid W. B. Crumpton, Home Missions	36 04
		By cash paid W. B. Crumpton, Foreign Missions	22 60
		By cash paid W. B. Crumpton, State Missions	51 72
		By cash paid W. B. Crumpton, Ministerial Education	27 10
		By cash paid W. B. Crumpton, Bible and Colportage	3 38
	Sept. 20.	By cash paid L. Law, Clerk	20 00
	Nov. 7.	By cash paid Jno. C. Williams, Printing Minutes	19 76
^{1896.}	Jany. 9.	By cash paid G. A. Joiner, interest Jenkin's fund	21 84
	Sept. 16.	By cash balance on hand	7 44—\$220 05

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. POPE, Treasurer.

Report adopted.

Committee on Nominations reported :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee submit the following nominations:

That the next session of this body be held with the Baptist Church at Sycamore, Talladega county, Alabama, on Friday before the third Sunday in September. 1897.

That Brother C. S. Johnson preach the introductory sermon: alternate, J. B. Mynatt.

That Brother T. M. Calloway preach the Missionary sermon: alternate, T. K. Trotter.

Respectfully submitted,
E. HORN.
S. A. AUSTIN,
J. A. POWE,

NOTE.—The Committee from Sycamore Church ask this body to meet with them on Friday, instead of Wednesday, so as to accommodate the factory people. They propose to close the factory while the Association is in session.

Report adopted:

J. B. Graham offered the following:

Resolved, that \$30.00 be appropriated from the funds in the hands of the Executive Committee as a supplement to the minute fund, that the clerk be allowed \$20.00 for his services, and instructed to have 750 copies of the minutes printed and distributed among churches according to their respective contributions.

Respectfully submitted

J. B. GRAHAM.

Adopted:

Resolution of thanks offered:

Resolved, that our sincere thanks be tendered the brethren and citizens of Cropwell and community for their bountiful Christian hospitality during our pleasant stay among them; to the officers for the faithful discharge of their duties; and to the superintendent of the B. & A. railroad for reduced rates.

J. B. GRAHAM.

Adopted by rising vote.

Standing Committees announced by Moderator:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

STATE MISSIONS—W. S. Henderson, R. M. Butler, J. W. Langley.

HOME MISSIONS—C. H. Morgan, W. M. Hall, J. D. Davis.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—A. A. Hutto, S. A. Austin, E. A. Aderholdt.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—C. S. Johnson, B. F. Brothers, H. R. Donaldson.

DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION—J. B. Graham, J. B. Kilpatrick, B. C. Heastlett.

TEMPERANCE—F. G. Mullen, J. M. Solley, W. L. Law.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—G. A. Joiner, F. B. Lanier, L. M. Madden.

COLPORTAGE AND BIBLE WORK—R. A. Kidd, G. S. Ham, Perry Turner.

EVANGELIZATION OF COLORED PEOPLE—Jno. C. Williams, D. B. Oden, S. C. Beavers.

PERIODICALS AND LITERATURE—J. H. Pope, Eli Horn, Henderson Beavers.

WOMAN'S WORK—T. M. Calloway, S. W. Welch, S. B. Elliott.

ORPHANAGE—Leopold Merkl, H. G. Darby, W. H. Kidd.

A resolution was adopted requesting the Pastors of every Church in the Association to present the claims of Ministerial Education to their Churches as early as practicable; to raise a collection therefor; and send the amount collected to Rev. W. C. Bledsoe, Montgomery, Ala.

There being no other business to come before this body; after appropriate remarks by the Moderator, with parting hand; and prayer by Abner Williams, the sixty-third annual session of the Coosa River Baptist Association was declared adjourned, sine die.

G. A. JOINER, CLERK.

L. LAW, MODERATOR.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF COOSA RIVER ASSOCIA

	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Buildings. (Not at Home)	Asso. Purposes.	Ministerial Education.	Howard College.	Orphans' Home.	Minutes.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, etc.	Total
\$ 4 95	5 00	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$ 21 84	\$. . .	\$ 40 00	\$. . .	\$ 6 11	\$ 1 50	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$ 1 11
2 55	2 01	9 30	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$ 1 50	200 00	23 00	\$ 23 00
2 50	2 50	. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$ 1 50	. . .	. . .	. . .
1 00	1 75	. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$ 2 55	\$ 1 50	. . .	95 75	95 75
1 79	1 80	2 92	8 75	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$ 7 25	\$. . .	\$ 1 81	\$ 2 00	150 00	35 00	40 00
2 50	. . .	. . .	. . .	\$ . . .	\$ . . .	\$ 2 50	30 00	\$ 35 00	\$ 1 00	125 00	25 00	75 00
7 13	7 13	7 14	. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$ 1 00	. . .	. . .	. . .
5 00	5 00	5 00	. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$ 5 00	3 50	\$ 5 00	\$ 1 50	. . .	12 50	3 00
4 00	4 00	4 25	. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$ 111 00	\$. . .	\$ 2 00	111 50	20 00	120 00
1 00	1 00	1 00	. . .	\$ 1 00	\$. . .	\$ 8 00	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$ 1 00	. . .	. . .	1 00
3 00	. . .	3 25	. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$ 1 50	. . .	. . .	. . .
. . .	1 75	2 00	. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$ 1 00	. . .	. . .	. . .
1 00	1 00	3 05	. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$ 1 00	. . .	. . .	. . .
1 75	1 75	1 75	. . .	\$. . .	\$ 1 00	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$ 1 00	28 30	. . .	. . .
2 00	. . .	5 00	. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$ 1 00	45 00	. . .	. . .
1 60	1 70	1 70	. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$ 1 00	. . .	. . .	. . .
1 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	\$ . . .	\$ . . .	\$ . . .	\$ 24 52	\$ 50	\$ 1 00	. . .	. . .	. . .
10 00	5 00	5 00	. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$ 6 00	\$ 1 50	. . .	. . .	2 00
3 30	3 35	3 35	. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$ 50	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$ 75	60 00	80 00	1 00
7 66	1 45	7 63	. . .	\$ 1 00	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$ 11 45	\$ 2 00	200 00	. . .	3 00
4 22	4 89	5 89	. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$ 5 00	26 00	\$. . .	\$ 1 50	75 00	. . .	4 00
. . .	2 58	. . .	. . .	\$ . . .	\$ . . .	\$ . . .	\$ . . .	\$ . . .	\$ 1 50	60 00	. . .	. . .
3 00	3 00	3 00	. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$ 3 00	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$ 1 00	. . .	10 00	1 00
. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	\$ . . .	\$ . . .	\$ . . .	\$ . . .	\$ 4 60	\$ 1 00	60 00	. . .	. . .
87 47	73 99	107 75	. . .	\$ 25 00	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$ 52 55	\$ 4 00	1000 00	271 50	35 00
17 85	10 52	16 93	. . .	\$ 10 65	\$ 57 50	\$ 18 06	\$ 1 25	\$ 300 00	\$ 18 00	. . .	. . .	16 00
1 30	1 20	1 20	. . .	\$ 1 30	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$ 1 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
\$ 180 57	\$ 146 87	\$ 195 41	\$ 8 75	\$ 23 84	\$ 70 70	\$ 252 52	\$ 148 63	\$ 44 00	\$ 2089 80	\$ 589 75	\$ 114	

ources of Indigent Ministers Fund, as reported by J. A. Powe, Treasurer, amounts to \$4,605.28.

STATISTICS OF COOSA RIVER ASSOCIATION, 1896.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership last Reported.	INCREASE BY			DECREASE BY			SUNDAY SCHOOL.			Preaching Sab's.	Reports Revival.		
						Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Supt. Name and P. O. Address.		
Antioch	Talladega	F. G. Mullen	G. W. Manning	McArding	86	3	9	2	.	6	1	78	6	70	J. Wright, Kentuck	1	Yes	
Alpine	Talladega	J. F. Watson	W. R. Thompson	Alpine	85	9	10	2	.	7	4	87	.	.	.	2-4	Yes	
Blue Eye	Talladega	T. K. Trotter	M. D. Beavers	Lincoln	100	4	.	.	1	5	1	99	.	.	.	.	.
Cartesville	Talladega	J. M. Solley	F. B. Lanier	Kymulga	74	18	19	.	2	16	8	92	9	125	F. B. Lanier, Kymulga	1	Yes	
Coosa Valley	Talladega	B. B. Nunnelly	J. C. Walker	Easonville	152	7	.	.	2	2	.	155	.	.	.	1	Yes	
Cropwell	Talladega	B. F. Giles	Lealis Law	Cropwell	34	3	.	.	2	2	.	35	4	40	Lealis Law, Cropwell	2	Yes	
Childersburg	Talladega	J. F. Watson	M. J. Clift	Childersburg	79	7	3	1	9	8	.	81	50	50	F. Moss, Childersburg	1	Yes	
Dry Valley	Talladega	E. M. Moore	G. W. Clements	Lincoln	83	5	.	3	2	2	.	87	87	40	J. W. McCain, Lincoln	3	Yes	
Eureka	Talladega	F. G. Mullen	E. C. Watters	Eureka	27 ²	.	.	.	.	.	.	27*	.	.	.	.	.
Fort Williams	Talladega	T. K. Trotter	J. M. Burks	Fayetteville	93	3	.	.	5	.	3	88	5	43	J. G. Dobbins, Fayetteville	3	.	
Hepzibah	Talladega	B. F. Giles	John Russell	Pine View	153	11	2	.	10	2	.	154	.	.	E. V. Caldwell, Harpersville	3	Yes	
Harpersville	Shelby	E. M. Moore	D. W. Shaddix	Harpersville	112	16	17	.	5	.	2	138	6	66	E. D. Acker, Lincoln	4	.	
Ironaton	Talladega	T. K. Trotter	E. D. Acker	Ironaton	53	1	1	.	2	1	.	56	.	.	Robt. Charles, Berneys	3	Yes	
Lincoln	Talladega	J. M. Solley	E. L. Solley	Lincoln	78	2	7	.	14	.	1	72	6	70	G. S. Ham, Sylacauga	4	Yes	
Mt. Ida	Talladega	C. S. Johnson	H. G. Darby	Berneys	50	9	8	.	2	2	.	57	4	40	E. H. Griffin, Lincoln	1	.	
Mt. Zion	Talladega	R. A. Kidd	H. K. Thomas	Fayetteville	138	.	.	.	3	17	.	126	11	85	J. W. Bishop, Talladega	2	.	
Mt. Sharon	Talladega	F. G. Mullen	B. W. Mattison	Silver Run	73	.	.	.	5	2	2	64	.	.	.	4	.	
Munford	Talladega	R. A. Kidd	J. J. Burks	Vincent	56	7	4	1	3	3	.	62	.	.	.	4	.	
Macedonia	Talladega	T. M. Nelson	W. A. Vardaman	Childersburg	64*	.	.	.	.	.	.	64*	.	.	.	3	.
New Hope	Talladega	J. M. Solley	R. F. Brown	Fayetteville	73	.	1	.	29	2	4	1	38	.	.	.	1	.
Oak Grove	Talladega	T. K. Trotter	P. J. Williams	Talladega	44	4	.	.	3	1	.	44	.	.	.	2	.	
Provident	Talladega	Shelby	H. F. Brown	Eureka	89	1	.	.	12	6	1	72	.	.	.	3	.	
Pleasant Grove	Talladega	Talladega	W. F. McCain	20*	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	76*	.	.	.	.	.
Provident	Talladega	Shelby	J. W. Hackney	Lincoln	110	2	18	.	9	1	.	121	5	40	A. H. Griffin, Lincoln	1	Yes	
Renfroe	Talladega	Talladega	T. M. Nelson	Bledsoe	61	5	.	.	7	2	1	56	6	28	W. B. Grant, Bledsoe	2	Yes	
Refuge	Talladega	Talladega	B. F. Brothers	Riverside	48	7	6	.	3	3	1	55	.	.	C. T. Caldwell, Riverside	3	Yes	
Rocky Mount	Talladega	Talladega	J. G. Lowry	Sycamore	61	27	14	.	5	.	.	97	6	45	R. J. Sims, Sycamore	2	Yes	
Riverside	Talladega	Talladega	A. A. Hintt	Eastaboga	109	4	2	.	17	.	2	96	6	47	Eli Horn, Eastaboga	3	Yes	
Sycamore	Talladega	Talladega	R. A. Kidd	Vincent	80	2	.	.	4	.	.	78	5	60	W. H. Kidd, Vincent	2	Yes	
Salem	Talladega	Talladega	T. C. Elliott	Seddon	62	6	1	.	.	4	1	68	4	60	J. D. Truss, Seddon	1	Yes	
Spring Creek	Talladega	Talladega	J. R. Wells	Talladega	308	3	20	.	24	1	5	301	18	176	J. W. Bishop, Talladega	Every	.	
Seddon	Talladega	Talladega	T. M. Calloway	J. M. Solley	70	1	2	.	9	8	1	55	.	.	.	4	Yes	
Talladega	Talladega	Talladega	W. T. Billue	J. C. McMillan	69	20	2	2	1	.	1	91	5	43	J. F. Pope, Wilsonville	2-4	Yes	
Tallashatchie	Talladega	Talladega	J. M. McCord	Wilsonville	97	12	4	.	7	2	1	103	5	35	E. A. McGuire, Alpine	3	Yes	
Winterboro	Talladega	Talladega	Ira W. Rhodes	Alpine	162	5	12	220	40	39	29	3088	126	1157	.	.	.	
					3055	182	162	5	12	220	40	39	29	.	.	.		

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FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF COOSA RIVER ASSOCIATION, 1896.

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